

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Scrutiny Board

Date **26 September 2013**

Report of: **Director of Finance and Resources**

Subject: **SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14**

SUMMARY

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 21 March 2013 and confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 25 April 2013. The Board reviewed the work programme at its meetings on 30 May 2013 and 4 July 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is now invited to further review the work programme for 2013/14.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the meeting of the Board on 21 March 2013, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year, 2013/14. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 25 April 2013. The Board's work programme is set out in Appendix A to this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

2. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

3. The Board is now invited to review its work programme for 2013/14.

Background Papers:

None.

Reference Papers:

None.

Enquiries:

For further information on this report please contact Andrew Wannell (Ext 4620).

SCRUTINY BOARD –WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
30 May 2013	Review of the work programme 2013/14 Question and answer session with representatives of the Environment Agency
4 July 2013	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Streetscene The Disclosure and Barring System Annual Report on the Performance of the Community Safety Partnership Review of the work programme 2013/14
26 September 2013	Medium Term Finance Strategy 2013/14 Review of the work programme 2013/14
21 November 2013	Review of the work programme 2013/14 Presentation by, and Questioning of, an Executive Member Costs associated with the preparation work for the Welborne development
23 January 2014	Preliminary overall review of work programme 2013/14 and draft programme for 20413/15 Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2014/15 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2014/15
20 March 2014	Final review of work programme for 2013/14 and draft for 2014/15 Presentation by, and Questioning of, an Executive Member

Items to be assigned:

- Question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
- Review of the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham (for 2014/15)

<u>SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING</u>				APPENDIX B	
Date of Meeting	Subject	Type of Item	Action by Board	Outcome	Link Officer
4 July 2013	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Streetscene		<p>The Board receive a presentation from the Executive member for Streetscene, Councillor L Keeble, on the performance of services within the Streetscene portfolio over the last year and on future plans. The presentation included an introduction to the services, details of the management structure, and information about each of the service areas: transport; refuse and recycling; grounds maintenance; street cleansing; and parks and open spaces. Copies of the presentation slides were distributed to those present.</p> <p>The Executive member for Streetscene and the Director of Streetscene answered members' questions concerning the presentation.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Executive member for Streetscene be thanked for his presentation.</p>	Complete	Paul Doran
	The Disclosure and Barring System		<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Community on the Disclosure and Barring System (minute 8 of the meeting held on 21 March 2013 refers).</p> <p>It was AGREED that the arrangements that are in place for the vetting and checking of elected</p>	Complete	Martyn George

			members and/or a person concerned with delivering Council services or undertaking activity in connection with Council business be noted.		
	Annual Report on the Performance of the Community Safety Partnership		<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services on the performance of Fareham Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>Members received a presentation from the Chairman of Fareham Community Safety Partnership, Councillor A Mandry, illustrating various aspects of the report. The presentation included slides showing the context in which the Fareham Community Safety Partnership works, details of the composition of the Community Safety Partnership, Fareham's Community Safety Team, details of the corporate priority, initiatives, key priority areas, the Police and Crime Commissioner, including a video, Community Safety Priorities, performance of the partnership, crime in Fareham, diversionary activities, CCTV, community engagement and risks and challenges.</p> <p>The Chairman of Fareham Community Safety Partnership and the Community Safety Manager answered members' questions in connection with the presentation.</p> <p>Copies of newsletters, promotional information</p>	Complete.	Narinder Bains

			<p>and other printed information relating to community safety initiatives were made available to members at the conclusion of the meeting.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the performance and progress made by Fareham's Community Safety Partnership and the risks and challenges it faces in the future be noted.</p>		
	Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2013/14	Programmin g	<p>The Board reviewed its work programme for 2013/14.</p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <p>(a) the unassigned item 'Question and answer session with Fareham Community Savers - The Credit Union' be deleted from the work programme and, instead, an item be included in the members' newsletter suggesting that it be the subject of an all member seminar prior to a meeting of the Council, subject to there being sufficient support for the proposed seminar;</p> <p>(b) an item be included on the work programme, for consideration in 2014/15, to enable the Board to review the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham;</p>	Complete.	Andrew Wannell

			<p>(c) an item be included on the work programme, possibly for 21 November 2013, to enable the Board to consider the costs associated with the preparation work for the Welborne development;</p> <p>(d) subject to (a), (b) and (c) above, the programme of items as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted; and</p> <p>(e) the progress on actions since the last meeting, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted.</p>		
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